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U. S. Department of Agriculture Library

Newsletter

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23 January 1930.

A new appointee in the main Library is Miss Ruby Wilson, who comes to us from Evansville, Indiana, where she has been working in one of the branches of the Evansville Public Library. She has been having some experience in the Catalogue Division but just at present she is helping with the binding, as is also Miss Melbourne. It is desired that we get as much binding in as possible before the last of the fiscal year.

The shifting of books to utilize the new space in the basement is proceeding, with out young men taking turns at the work.

We have some new linoleum at the entrance to the Reading Room, and brass strips have been added to much of our old linoleum to prevent tripping over worn edges. The floors of the new basement room have been painted, and the floors of the Catalogue room and the adjoining room.

We have been having recently some trouble in our ordering department. For a great many years we have been sending orders, if they did not exceed fifty dollars in amount, to the various dealers, as we deemed expedient. In December, the Comptroller called this procedure in question, and unless he can be persuaded differently we shall have to ask for bids on all our orders for books. Some of you have thought that we were slow in the past in obtaining new books. If we are obliged to obtain them by bids there will be an additional delay of three or four weeks at least. Miss Barnett and the Disbursing Office are marshalling arguments for the continuance of our old method, but whether it will be allowed finally is uncertain at present.

Those of you who are familiar with the old London book firm of Wheldon & Wesley will be sorry to hear that Mr. E. F. Wesley died in November and that the firm has gone out of business. The Library has dealt with this firm for a great many years and we shall miss its fine service.

Bureau of Entomology

Entomology library reports a busy season, as many of its field men are in this winter and are making good use of their library facilities while they may.

Lately we have had several "rush" calls for vague references to the Mediterranean fruit fly. These mean that everything else must be dropped while we run them down. We had always done a great deal of reference work for the Federal Horticultural Board when it was housed in Entomology Building, as it had no library of its own. Since it has become Plant Quarantine and Control Administration, and has left us, we seem to have more demands than ever from it.

In December the Department carpenter made us some very satisfactory wooden shelves which have been placed above the metal wall shelving in Room 2 of the library. These have enabled us to spread some of our most crowded material and we live in comparative comfort at present. We fear this condition may be changed in the near future, however, as we hear persistent rumors of a move this spring, when the new agricultural building is completed.

Bureau of Animal Industry

Those who possess new unabridged dictionaries might do well to guard them with watchful eyes. The Bureau of Animal Industry Library lost its new unabridged Webster between 4:30 Saturday night and 9 Monday morning. The next largest book in the library, and American medical association directory, was put on the stand in its place. A Department detective is in pursuit.

Bureau of Chemistry

The staff of the Library of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils has its full force again. Miss Vivian Robb has been appointed to take charge of the loan desk and Mr. Jerome Cobbe is the new library aid.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

Miss Barbara Seeley has been temporarily appointed to the staff of the B. A. E. Library to assist Miss Jacobs with the cataloguing.

The Institute of International Research at Harvard has given Dr. Black a small fund for the demonstration of the usefulness of an investigation into the official statistics of foreign countries, including methods of collecting, comparability, etc. The library has been asked to cooperate with Dr. Black in this piece of work, but as no member of the staff could be spared, Mrs. James Carpenter has been employed to make lists of the publications containing official statistics of certain countries. Greece, Roumania, and Turkey have already been finished, and she is now working on France.

We found it very interesting to hear reports on the meetings of the American Economic Association, the American Farm Economic Association, the National Association of Teachers of Marketing and Advertising, and the American Statistical Association, given by members of the staff who attended, at one of our staff luncheons.

The Agricultural Outlook Conference, with the many visitors from all over the United States, representing 41 of the State agricultural colleges, has greatly increased the activity of the Library.

Mr. Ogg of the American Farm Bureau Federation recently prepared in the Economic Library a brief on vegetable oils and their uses in connection with the tariff, and it was necessary for B. A. E. to call upon Chemistry in order to supply Mr. Ogg with the long list of books on oils which he needed.

There are two visitors in our library at present. Mr. Hinton, from the Ministry of Agriculture, London, is studying the organization of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and other agricultural agencies of the government in this country. Mr. Bondarenko, Professor of Agricultural Economy, Moscow, who is connected with the Russian Information Bureau in Washington, is studying farm management, including large-scale farming, agricultural machinery, the cost and standard of living and other agricultural problems.

A typewritten list of references on the U. S. Federal Farm Board has recently been compiled by Miss Herb and has been made the center of the bulletin board now on display.

Bureau of Public Roads

Matters in the library of the Bureau of Public Roads have been rather quiet during the past month. Part of that time, many of the men were attending the conference in San Antonio of the American Association of State Highway Officials. Then the Christmas holidays and a few days leave for members of the staff came along and soon the month, the whole year in fact, was over. On the whole, looking forward, it had seemed a wonderful opportunity to catch up on all the things which have to be left undone in a library. But there were many interruptions in this program. The Highway Research Board met in Washington in December and many outsiders from the various engineering schools throughout the country came in to check up on new publications and to look up various subjects as highway transportation, toll bridges, and toll roads, cost of constructing suspension bridges. A patent lawyer spent several days looking up information on surface treatments; a student from Boston worked on this doctoral thesis.

During this time, however, our mimeographed bibliography on toll bridges completed in 1927 has been brought up to date. This bibliography has been quite popular during the past months as the subject of toll roads and toll bridges is being discussed quite widely.

The year 1929 has been highly gratifying from the library standpoint. There has been a growth in every way - new floor space has been added, a new member added to the staff, circulation has been increased, and more people both inside and outside have used the material and resources which have been collected here.

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21 February 1930.

The most welcome news we have to offer this month is that the Comptroller General has consented to allow the Library to place its book orders substantially as it has been in the habit of doing for the past 25 or 30 years. You perhaps remember that we reported last month that in accordance with a recent letter of the General Accounting Office we were obliged to ask for bids on practically all the books purchased. To have been obliged to continue this practice would have slowed up the business of ordering deplorably and greatly increased the work.

Last month we reported that the firm of Wheldon and Wesley in London, with whom we have had very satisfactory dealings for many years, had gone out of business. We are glad to say that later information is that this report is untrue and that the firm is to continue, though the death of Mr. Wesley in November has apparently seriously affected their business for the time being. No answers to recent letters of the Library have been received.

Mrs. Secrest, who was in our Catalogue Division last year, has a small son about two weeks old.

Dr. H. L. Shantz, formerly of our Bureau of Plant Industry, and now president of the University of Arizona, has written to Miss Barnett that he is interested to know of persons trained in library work for the University library. He does not mention the special positions that are open.

You doubtless noticed in the paper a few nights ago an account of the next building to be erected for the Department, on the south side of B street. The Department Library expects to go into this building when it is finished, two or three or more years from now. Space has been assigned to it on the first floor and in the basement, with the bookstacks in a special structure in the court.

Miss Barnett and six other members of the staff attended the Columbian Library association meeting last Saturday in Baltimore.

The Pratt Library School promises us a visit on March 27 at 1.30 P. M.

Office of Experiment Stations Library

A selected list of State extension publications on home management, compiled by Mrs. Edith J. Webb, has been published recently. The list is mimeographed and is distributed by the Office of Cooperative Extension Work.

The Office of Experiment Stations Library recently received about 35 mail sacks of duplicate station publications among which were many of the earliest publications of the stations. A notice of the collection in Agricultural Library Notes, brought lists of wanting publications from several of the libraries of the State colleges and experiment stations, from the International Institute of Agriculture, Rome and from The Dept. of Agriculture, Haiti.

The work of sorting the publications and checking the lists has been completed. Several packages of publications have been sent to the various colleges and stations requesting them, and several mail sacks have been prepared for shipment to the International Institute and to the Dept. of Agriculture in Haiti. The publications remaining after the lists were checked have been returned to the issuing stations.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library

In connection with the brief of the American Farm Bureau Federation prepared by Mr. W. R. Ogg in connection with the Senate Tariff debate on fats and oils, Senator Sheppard in the Congressional Record for January 28, 1930, p. 2599, quoted the courteous acknowledgement of Mr. Ogg for the help he received from various persons in the Department as follows:

"In the preparation of this material, much valuable assistance has been given by Dr. G. S. Jamieson, who has collaborated in this work. Grateful acknowledgement is made to him for his valuable suggestions, particularly in the selection of authorities, and in the discussions of the uses and interchangeability of oils and fats. The material concerning Possible Substitution or Interchangeability was prepared almost entirely by him. Valuable help was also rendered by the Library of Congress and by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, and particularly by C. L. Luedtke, senior agricultural economist; Miss Mary G. Lacey, librarian; Miss Mary Carpenter, in charge of the loan desk; and by Miss Lillian Crans and Miss Leona Sportsman, of the library staff; also by Miss M. G. Beckwith, librarian of the Bureau of Chemistry; Dr. W. W. Skinner, assistant chief chemical and technological research, Bureau of Chemistry and Soils; and others.

Mr. Seiichi Tobata, who has been doing research work in Bonn, Germany, for the last two years, and who previous to that did some work, in the Agricultural Economics Library, was a recent visitor to the library, with Mrs. Tobata. They are making several visits in the United States, including the University of Wisconsin and other places, enroute to the Pacific where they will sail for Tokyo, where Mr. Tobata is associated with the Dept. of Agriculture of the University of Tokyo. Mr. F. R. Cowell, of the London School of Economics, is making a study of the methods used by this Government to disseminate its knowledge to the people, and is working in the Library.

Miss Lacy, Miss Olcott, Miss Carpenter, Miss Bercaw, and Miss Coult attended the meetings of the Columbian Library Association at Baltimore, last Saturday, and found it a very enjoyable and worthwhile day.

Members of the staff have been attending the lectures on economic subjects given by the Graduate School.

The first part of the paper is devoted to a general
discussion of the problem. It is shown that the
problem is equivalent to a problem in the theory of
differential equations. The second part of the paper
is devoted to a detailed study of the problem. It is
shown that the problem is solvable and that the
solution is unique. The third part of the paper is
devoted to a study of the properties of the solution.
It is shown that the solution is continuous and that
it satisfies the boundary conditions. The fourth part
of the paper is devoted to a study of the stability
of the solution. It is shown that the solution is
stable with respect to the initial conditions. The
fifth part of the paper is devoted to a study of the
dependence of the solution on the parameters of the
problem. It is shown that the solution is a
continuous function of the parameters. The sixth
part of the paper is devoted to a study of the
asymptotic behavior of the solution. It is shown
that the solution approaches a certain limit as the
parameter approaches infinity. The seventh part of
the paper is devoted to a study of the numerical
solution of the problem. It is shown that the
numerical solution is in good agreement with the
analytical solution. The eighth part of the paper
is devoted to a study of the application of the
results of the paper to the theory of differential
equations. It is shown that the results of the
paper can be used to solve a wide variety of
problems in the theory of differential equations.

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21 March 1930.

Miss Barnett has just given the third of a series of four talks to the Special libraries class of George Washington Library School. The class has met here for these talks, from seven to nine in the evening.

We expect a visit from the Pratt Institute Library School on March 27 at two in the afternoon. There will probably be about 24 in the party.

The H. W. Wilson Company is proposing to establish a clearing house for library duplicates of journals. The prospectus sounds as though it might be a great blessing to those who do not know how to dispose of their duplicates, and what library is not in this state?

Mr. T. Franklin Currier of the Harvard University Library, was a visitor here yesterday, and had a talk with Miss Barnett, in which he spoke of duplicates and said that the Library of Congress is in the habit of sending a great many of its duplicates to Harvard. Perhaps this also will have possibilities for us as a suggestion for means of disposal of some of our unwanted material.

Bureau of Entomology

Entomology reports a busy month with field men for whom we have gotten out long lists of references for use in the Bureau library and then have sent remaining, shorter list to the Main Library to be used there. Bibliographies have been well to the fore also. Miss Hawes recently compiled two of general interest- Insect pests of cork and the cork-oak tree- and Weeds and insects.

Miss Carabelli has been unusually busy with mailing list work and Bureau binding claims.

Index 4 to American Economic Entomology is now nearing the end of the actual indexing and the last stages of rounding up the leftovers and verifying incomplete references takes much of the time of the whole staff. Miss Maxwell has been working on medical references at the Surgeon General's Library for the Index for the past week.

Office of Experiment Stations Library

The List of Bulletins for the stations for 1927-1928 has been published as Miscellaneous Publication 65. It is the fourth supplement to Bulletin 1199, which is a list of the bulletins through 1920.

In order to keep the staff of O. E. S. informed on all projects undertaken by experiment stations throughout the country, a card index has been made of scientific articles written by station men, published in outside journals for the years 1928 and 1929. The articles are arranged by author under state. The work is to be kept current and it has already proved of value to the men in O. E. S.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

Agricultural Economics Bibliography no. 29 on the Valuation of Real Estate with special reference to farm real estate, compiled by Emily L. Day, has been out several weeks, and no. 30, Large Scale and Corporation Farming, compiled by Margaret T. Olcott is just off the press. The farm real estate bibliography has been complimented very highly, and numerous requests have come in for it, the largest single request being one for a hundred copies from the Federal Farm Loan Bureau. The other is not yet 24 hours old so is too recent to receive comment.

An interesting and recent publication of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics is a mimeographed publication called Facts about Cotton, the work of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research. The bulletin represents elementary economic principles graphically, and the cover illustrates the economics of cotton prices by means of pictures of small bales of cotton. The idea for the publication was taken from a German publication, which used a similar pictorial method to illustrate the prices of hogs.

In order to repair a leak in the basement where our storeroom is located it is necessary for the storeroom to be moved. We will be given space on the third floor in which to store this material, and due to the overcrowded condition of the third floor this presents somewhat of a problem. We have heard, however, that the two upper floors of the Cornell lunchroom are to be taken over by the Bureau, and a bridge extended from the third floor to connect the two, in which case room will no doubt be released for us.

Prof. Seedorf, of the University of Goettingen, has been a recent visitor to the Library. Prof. Seedorf is the author of studies on labor, especially scientific principles, and Taylorism, as applied to agricultural labor and the use of agricultural implements. Another visitor is Dr. J. de S. Coutinho, Professor of Portuguese of the Georgetown School of Foreign Service, who is making a study of the efforts of governments to control production, trade, and prices of agricultural products.

Mr. Hardin has been away from work for more than a month due to illness, but we hope will be well enough to return soon. Miss Harrison has also been out several days because of a tonsil operation.

The members of the staff were very delightfully entertained with a tea at Miss Lacy's house on Saturday, March 8th.

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24 April 1930.

The season for library school visits arrived during the past month. Pratt Library School visited us on March 27, and Hampton Institute on April 18. ~~Simmons~~ "looms", as the newspaper headlines would say, in May, with the largest number we have yet entertained - 48.

Miss Barnett attended the meeting at Atlantic City on April 4 and 5 of the American Library Institute, of which she is a member, of the Pennsylvania Library Club and the New Jersey Library Association. The latter organization was celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Bureau of Entomology

Entomology Library is at last able to announce the appearance of its long heralded Check List of publications on entomology issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture through 1927, with subject index. It is the joint compilation of Miss Colcord, Miss Hawes and Miss Carabelli. The list is in four parts (1) the general series of the Department: (2) the publications of the Bureau of Entomology: (3) the publications relating to entomology of other bureaus, divisions and offices of the department: (4) the subject index. It is thought that it will prove of real service to all workers in entomology in keeping track of the entomological publications of the department and the various series to which they belong. Librarians will find it a help in completing files and school teachers and laymen will find the more popular material such as Farmers' bulletins and Circulars, etc., of interest and profit. We are receiving requests for the list daily and have had several very appreciative letters from workers over the country.

We are having an especially busy month with visitors. Dr. David Miller, Director of Entomological Research of the Cawthron Institute of New Zealand, is spending much of his time in the Bureau Library just now and has pleased us with the comment that "we seem able to find things when we go to our shelves". In his home library in New Zealand they do not, we infer. Newspaper correspondents have also been very attentive the past two weeks.

Our Orchard Insecticide Laboratory has just been moved away from the Bureau into the country, and of course such a move has made some extra work for the Bureau library in changing records etc.

Index 4 to American Economic Entomology, which is nearly ready for copying, is keeping us all keyed up in our strenuous efforts to let nothing escape us which should be included.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library

A typewritten reference list of 8 pages has been compiled by Miss Bercaw upon special request, entitled "Artificial drying of hay and grain". If any of the Bureau libraries are interested in this list we will be glad to loan it for copying. Miss Bercaw has also compiled a list of State and Federal publications dealing with the marketing of agricultural products since 1924. It was also compiled by special request, and is not yet available in typewritten form, but will be in a few days.

We are very glad to announce that the temporary appointment of Mr. Lee has been extended for another three months. This concession has been made because of the unusualness of the case, and the inability to obtain another translator of the three languages, Japanese, Chinese, and Korean.

Miss Sportsman, our typist, has left to take a permanent position in the Division of Cotton Marketing and Miss Robinson is taking her place, in a temporary capacity.

Miss Lacy has been appointed a member of the B. A. E. Board of review of efficiency ratings for a period of three years.

Mr. Eric Englund has been appointed Assistant chief of the Bureau, in charge of research work, to take the place of Mr. Tolley, resigned, and in addition will continue in his present work as Chief of the Division of Agricultural Finance.

Among the changes which are taking place in the Bureau is the removal of Miss Coult from the 3d floor to the 8th floor, in order to have the foreign files near the foreign work, which is to be located on the 8th floor. Miss Coult's work will bear the same relation to the Foreign Division under Mr. Hobson as it has borne heretofore to Dr. Stine's division.

(News notes of main Library were accidentally destroyed)

Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library

Mrs. Taretsky has been temporarily appointed to assist with work of the foreign files.

Miss Persia Campbell, who has been sent to this country by the Australian Government to study research methods in agricultural economics, spent some time in the library earlier in the winter before going to Harvard to study, and returned early in April to continue her studies here.

M. Boursky, Director of the Agrarian Institute of North Caucasus, Russia, has been working in the Library for the last month on our methods of agriculture in general, and agricultural machinery. He says that he will probably stay longer than he expected.

Miss Lacy has been asked to come to the Giannini Foundation after the meeting of the ALA for a week or two to assist in organizing a library for the Foundation. On her return trip she plans to stop at agricultural college libraries at Pullman, Washington, and Corvallis, Oregon. She has also been asked to speak at the Rural Library Extension Institute which is to meet at Madison, Wisconsin, the middle of July.

Office of Experiment Stations Library

The checklist of extension publications of the state agricultural colleges is being brought up to date through the year 1929. The work is nearly completed.

Miss Mary Benfer has accepted a temporary position as Junior Library Assistant. She is helping primarily with the binding which at the present time has assumed alarming proportions.

The card index of technical papers published by the stations in outside journals is proving exceedingly useful. A list was prepared recently at Dr. Youngblood's request of the work of eleven of the states to cover the fiscal year 1928-1929. He said such a list would prove very helpful in his inspection of the work of the experiment stations.

Bureau of Public Roads Library

The building program of the Federal Government calls for a small park in the triangle bounded by Pennsylvania Avenue, 15th Street and D Streets, N.W., and the Division of Agricultural Engineering has received notice that it must vacate its present quarters. When the move takes place Mrs. Dorothy J. Wilks will be transferred to the Division to fill the long vacant position of librarian. The position she leaves will not be filled immediately.

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June 26, 1930.

Miss Hawks is attending the A. L. A. conference in Los Angeles this week as the official representative of the Department Library. She will take her vacation before returning to the Library.

Mrs. M. J. Abbott, Agricultural Reference Librarian of the University of California, recently spent several weeks in Washington, learning the ways of our library and others in the city.

Miss Marguerite V. Doggett, Librarian of the Clemson College, stopped in Washington recently on her way to New York, and visited our Library. She is planning to leave Clemson soon, to accept a library position at Goucher College.

We have two new temporary assistants in the Library - Miss Aubrey N. Somervell at the Loan Desk and Mrs. Hazel H. Fort in the Catalogue Division, also a new messenger in the Catalogue Division, Mr. Charles Trainor.

Mr. Brown is working temporarily in the Bureau of Chemistry library.

The latest activity of the Bindery Section is hurdle jumping, due to the floor rapidly rising in spots.

No more binding can be sent to the Government Printing Office until July 1st. About 1100 volumes will be ready to go then.

Miss Muriel Wright of the Periodical Division is to be married to Mr. Robert Moncure on July 19th. at 4 o'clock, at the Church of the Epiphany. All members of the staff of the main library and the branch libraries are invited.

Moses Smith, a library messenger, has been ill since April 18th. Both of his eyes are affected, making it impossible for him to read. He has therefore applied for annuity under the retirement act. We are very sorry to lose his services. He has been with the Library since March, 1895, a little more than 35 years, the longest of any member of the Library Staff.

The reorganization of the Library dates from September, 1893, when Mr. W. P. Cutter was appointed Librarian under Civil Service. The period of service of Moses therefore nearly coincides with the development of the library since its reorganization. It is interesting to recall that in the year he was appointed the staff consisted of the librarian (Mr. W.P.Cutter), the assistant librarian (Miss Josephine Clark), two cataloguers (Miss Barnett and Miss Hawkes), a bindery assistant, (Mrs. Stevens the former librarian), and two messengers. In those days Moses got the mail, put away all the books, did all the pasting, and did all the errands, including a trip to the Library of Congress once a week to bring all the books which were borrowed. He has been most faithful and trustworthy in the performance of his duties, and a most loyal member of the staff. It is much regretted that his retirement is necessary. The Library Staff is planning to give him a present to show our regard for him and our appreciation of his service. Any who wish to contribute may notify Miss Smith.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library

Miss Lacy is attending the meeting of A. L. A. at Los Angeles, June 23-28. The program of the meeting of the Agricultural Libraries Section to be held at the Citrus Experiment Station, Riverside, June 26, will include a symposium composed of papers on Material of Primary Importance on the Economic Aspects of Agriculture, which may be found in United States Government, State, society and association publications and in foreign documents, prepared by Miss Hawks, Miss Feldkamp, Miss Olcott, Miss Jacobs, Miss Carpenter, and Miss Bercaw of the library staff, and Miss Caroline G. Gries of the Foreign Agricultural Service, Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Miss Lacy will take this opportunity to visit the University of California Library and will spend a week at Berkeley for this purpose, and to confer with Mr. Tolley and other Officials of the Gianinni Foundation in regard to the development of a library for the Foundation, with which it is hoped to establish close relations with the Bureau Library.

After leaving San Francisco, she will make brief visits to the Agricultural College Libraries of Oregon, Washington, and Montana, returning home by way of Madison, Wis., where she has been invited to address the Rural Library Extension Institute, to be held under the auspices of the American Library Association, on the Methods of Increasing the Use of Federal and State Publications.

Mr. A. Kaiming Chiu, who attended the Columbia University Library School previous to taking a position in the Chinese Library, Harvard University, is now enroute to China via Europe, and is visiting the library this week collecting Bureau publications to take back with him to China.

Dr. Hoon K. Lee, who worked in the library for several months as a translator of Oriental languages has resigned his position and has sailed for his home in Korea. He will probably do some work for the American Geographical Society in Manchuria before taking up a permanent position in Korea.

Miss Berclaw, Miss Herb, and Miss Colvin have moved into the new room next to Miss Lacey's. The Periodical Reference Table has been moved there also.

Mrs. Hamay spent two days at Bryn Mawr where she attended her daughter's graduation. Miss Hamay took her major in Mathematics.

Miss Olcott and her mother spent a two weeks vacation on a motor trip in New England, where they attended the latter's 50th commencement reunion at Mt. Holyoke College.

Bureau of Animal Industry Library

Miss Sprenkel leaves July 7 to spend her vacation in Boston.

Dr. Lidia Antinoro, entomologist of the Experiment Station for Malaria control at Rome, is studying in the Zoological Division for a month, on a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship. This Division also has working in its laboratories for the summer or longer, Dr. Candido M. Africa of the College of Medicine of the University of the Philippines, and Dr. Rudolf Wetzel of the Veterinary School of Hannover. Other recent visitors have been T. M. Doyle of the British Ministry of Agriculture and Dr. Gilles de Kock of the Division of Veterinary Education and Research of the Union of South Africa.

Bureau of Chemistry Library

Miss Beckwith is attending the A. L. A. Meeting in Los Angeles.

Office of Experiment Stations Library

Miss Feldkamp left June 16 for Los Angeles, California, to attend the American Library Association Conference.

We have enjoyed having Miss Benfer with us so much, even though for a short time, and regret that her temporary appointment expires July 1.

Bureau of Plant Industry Library

State and Local Floras, Prepared by Alica C. Atwood with annotations by S. F. Blake, has recently appeared as Bulletin 1 of the Wild Flower Preservation Society. Miss Atwood is also working on a list of World Floras in cooperation with Dr. Blake.

The vacation season is well started for this library. Miss Warner is spending the month of June in New Hampshire, Miss Forbes is on a short motor trip to norther New York, and Miss Pendleton is at her home in South Carolina for several weeks, partly for an appendicitis operation and partly on vacation. Miss Atwood leaves the 1st of July for a month on Lake Champlain, and Miss Sherman will spend July at Ogunquit, Maine.

Bureau of Public Roads Library

The building program of the Federal Government calls for a small park on Pennsylvania Avenue in the triangle between 14th and 15th Streets. This necessitates that the Division of Agricultural Engineering occupy new quarters, the moving to take in the course of the next two or three weeks. When this occurs, Mrs. Wilks will be transferred to the position, long vacant, of librarian in the Division of Agricultural Engineering.

The position made vacant by her transfer will not be filled for the present except that a clerk will be assigned to the library to help keep the work moving.

Ready Marie Ratter

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LIBRARY

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Library

The Department Library has a number of changes to report in its staff. For the losses it is very regretful, for the additions thankful.

Miss Ruth Davis, who has been one of the mainstays in the Catalogue Division since 1918 accepted a position this summer in the Department of Commerce Library to take charge of its cataloguing.

Miss Charlotte Trolinger, another of our reliances, left last week for a year or more with her father and mother in Arizona and California. Fortunately she is not a permanent loss, as we expect her back eventually, but in the meantime we feel quite bereft by the loss of these two experienced cataloguers.

Miss Roberta Chapman has been transferred to the new position of bibliographical assistant. It was, however, necessary for her to substitute for Miss Bien, while the latter was away on her vacation, and she is now substituting for Miss G. E. Upton at the Loan Desk.

Miss Forsyth, formerly at the current periodical desk and then at the Loan Desk, has been transferred to the Bureau of Animal Industry library to take Miss Sprenkle's place. Miss Melbourne is at present assisting at the Loan Desk.

Two new appointments of cataloguers have been made: Miss Carolyn Ehlert, who is a graduate of Radcliffe, and has taken her library course at Simmons, and Miss Knoop, who is a graduate of South Dakota State College, and took her library work at the University of Illinois. At present Miss Knoop is working in the Periodical Division.

Miss Benton, who has been in the Cotton Division, B.A.E., since July, has come back to the Library temporarily. She is assisting at the Continuation Desk, while Miss Huddle is substituting for Miss Smith, who is taking a motor trip to Canada, accompanied by Miss G. E. Upton.

Mr. Shipley, who has been in the library several years, recently at the current periodical desk, left September 16, and is entering the Columbia University School for Library Service this Fall.

Mrs. Moncure, in charge of the current entry desk, and her assistants, are busy changing the records to a new form of entry card, which is a modification of the one used in some of the bureau libraries. Mrs. Moncure, who, until this summer, was Miss Wright, had used the records in the B.A.E. library. She believes the ultimate saving of time will warrant the extra time spent in transferring the records as the new form will make it possible for two assistants to enter the current periodicals, except when the mail is unusually heavy. Three have been required in the past.

John Bell, who has been a messenger at the Loan Desk has been transferred to the Food, Drug and Insecticide Administration. John Gooch has been appointed in his place.

William Howe, who has been a messenger, is now a clerk, and is assisting Mr. Umhau and Miss Smith in typing of orders and in other ways.

Moses Smith, probably known to all of you, a messenger in the Library since about 1893, retired this summer on account of age, and also because of poor health and failing eyesight. The money which was contributed by the library staff and some others in the Department was used to get a gold watch and chain and a pencil for him. This was presented to him at his house on September 26. He was greatly pleased.

The books from the Bindery are returning even more slowly than usual, this time for two reasons, the shortage of funds before July 1st, and the extra printing because of the drought situation.

Miss Fanny L. Parker, of Pasadena, California, who was in charge of our Library binding for several years, visited the Library last week.

Listeners to radio programs may have the opportunity of hearing Mr. George Russell, known as "AE" who is here from Ireland on a six months lecture tour and has already been on the air twice. He is spoken of as perhaps the most notable literary arrival in this country, a brilliant author, poet, philosopher and painter as well as agricultural economist, who believes that cooperation is the most likely cure for the economic ills of the farmer and who urges a more general return to the land. Cooperation as he uses it is much more than what is usually connoted by the word. It is really a way of life rather than a method of organization to improve the farmers' economic status. His book, recently received in the Library entitled "The National Being" is a delightful presentation of his philosophy on rural life.

As most of you know, the Library had an exhibit of its work in the patio of the Administration Building from September 10 to 20 during the meeting of the Inter-American Conference on Agriculture.

The busy shovels are working so fast, so early and so late on the new building for the Department and such rapid progress is being made that it seems quite probable the building will be completed by the first of 1932, if not before. Miss Barnett is working on the plans for the Library and will be pleased to receive suggestions from members of the staff. The Advisory Committee on the building of which Dr. Stockberger is Chairman, is now considering the question of the bureau libraries which are to be located in the building. An important point to be decided is their location, that is, whether it will be better to locate them near the Bureaus of which they are a part or on the first floor near the main Library.

Six recent foreign visitors to the main Library were Dr. Nils Lagerlöf, Assistant Professor at the Royal Veterinary College, Stockholm, Dr. Raimundo Nieves, Director of the Experiment Station of Guatraché, Argentine Republic, Dr. N. I. Vavilov, Director of the Institute of Applied Botany at Leningrad, Mr. J. J. Otero, Librarian of the Insular Experiment Station, Porto Rico, Mr. Kazanobu Kimura, Director of the Imperial Zootechnical Experiment Station, Chiba-Shi, Japan, and Mr. Geoffrey Samuel of South Australia.

The Library felt particularly honored in receiving a visit on September 25th from two of the members of the Bodleian Library Commission. This Commission was appointed to study the problems presented by the prospect of a new building for the Bodleian Library at Oxford. The chairman of the Commission was Sir Henry Miers, a distinguished scientist and a trustee of the British Museum. Sir Frederick George Kenyon, librarian of the British Museum, was also a member. The two members who visited our Library were Sir Edwin Chambers, leading Shakespeare authority and Mr. Kenneth Sisam, secretary of the Commission and one of the managers of the Oxford University Press. Sir Henry Miers had intended to come but was ill and could not. Through the courtesy of the Bureau of Public Roads we were able to send one of their automobiles to the Cosmos Club to bring them to the Department where they were first welcomed by Dr. Woods, Director of Scientific Work, and Dr. Kellerman, Associate Chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry. They were then taken around the Library. In spite of the fact that they had no particular interest in scientific literature, they seemed interested in the work of the Library. After an hour's visit the automobile took them back to the Cosmos Club.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

The Tuesday Bureau staff luncheons have been resumed, and three meetings have been held. Miss Lacy told the members of the staff about her trip to A. L.A. this summer at the first meeting, and the second meeting was devoted to accounts by members of the staff of their activities. Mr. L. Myers of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research talked about the work he and his colleagues are doing in the price analysis of cotton, wool, and other fibers, and also his own work with fertilizers, at the meeting today. This was the first of a series which Miss Lacy plans at which the speakers will be leaders in certain group research activities, and other Bureau workers, the purpose of which is to keep the staff informed about changes and developments in the work of the Bureau.

The shifting of books into some newly acquired stacks is in process, and Miss Crans and Mrs. Hannay have moved into Room 333. Miss Flora Wilson, who was appointed to the staff the first of July, is located where Mrs. Hannay sat formerly.

Mr. Robert Hardin resigned the first week in August to take a position in Baltimore, and Miss Estelline Robinson, a typist, who was working in the Library temporarily, left the 6th of October.

Foreign files, of which Miss May Coult is in charge, was formerly administered by the Library and the Division of Statistical and Historical Research jointly, but in view of the fact that the files were moved to the 8th floor as a part of the Foreign Agricultural Service, it was decided that the Library should act in an advisory capacity only in the future rather than as joint administrator.

Foreign visitors who have made use of the Bureau Library recently are: Mr. Campbell, of New Zealand, who is in this country at the Brookings Institute on a Commonwealth fellowship; Dr. F. E. Geldenhuys, Department of Agriculture, Union of South Africa; E. Stanislaw Picado, Argentine; and Dr. W. Seedorf, head of the Institute for Farm Management and Agricultural Labor Studies at the University of Gottingen, Hanover, Germany, who sailed for Germany on October 4. Dr. Seedorf spent eight months in this country studying agricultural labor,

farm management, agricultural economics and rural sociology.

The Agricultural Relief bibliography has been reprinted and is now available.

Agricultural Economics Bibliography no. 32 entitled Rural Standards of Living, compiled by Louise O. Bercaw, has just been issued. This bibliography was prepared for the use of the American Country Life Association at the thirteenth National Country Life Conference, Madison, Wisconsin, October 7-10, 1930, at the request of the Conference Program Committee.

California: an index to the State sources of agricultural statistics, parts I and V were printed this summer. Part V.-An index to some unofficial sources was compiled by the University of California under the direction of Mrs. M. J. Abbott, and Part I.-Fruits, vegetables and nuts, was compiled by Miss Bercaw. This is Agricultural Economics Bibliography no. 31.

The Foreign Agricultural Service Division has added three new members to its staff. Mr. E. C. Paxton will have charge of foreign service activities in Australia and New Zealand, and will be located in Sydney. This work will include appraisals of world competition and demand factors on staple agricultural products grown in that territory and the estimating of crop conditions and probable yields. Mr. P. K. Norris will conduct special cotton surveys in Egypt and the Sudan. Mr. J. B. Gibbs will assume the duties of assistant to Louis G. Michael, now in charge of the Bureau's activities in the Danube Basin with headquarters at Belgrade, Yugo-Slavia.

Bureau of Animal Industry

The Library of B.A.I. has to report the loss of Miss Charlotte Sprenkel who has had charge of its periodical circulation for the past four years. Each summer Miss Sprenkel has spent her annual leave at Boston University preparing herself to teach vocal music in the Washington junior high schools. This summer's work completed her course, and on September 17 she received notice to report for duty on the 19th. Fortunately the main Library was able to release Miss Katharine Forsyth (who has been in its Periodical and book circulation departments since July 1929) to take over Miss Sprenkel's work.

Bureau of Chemistry and Soils

Mr. Robert Ahring was appointed as Library Aid on August 14th, to take the place of Mr. Cobbe, who resigned last May. Mr. Brown of the main Library supplied for six weeks. If Miss Robb had not had his assistance Miss Beckwith would not have been able to leave to attend the A.L.A. at Los Angeles.

Bureau of Entomology

The Bureau of Entomology was moved the first two weeks of August from the old Entomology Building in the grounds of the Department of Agriculture to the second floor of Wing 3, Temporary Building "C". The Bureau Library, which was in a very crowded condition, now has twice the floor space it formerly occupied, plus storage space on the third floor of Wing 2 in "C" Building. Much of our space cannot be used to advantage as we have to watch our weight

very carefully - cannot have book stacks running across the room at all, cannot have them extend more than six feet from the walls into the room, cannot have stacks over seven shelves high because of the sprinkling system, cannot shut certain doors without permission of the fire marshall, etc., etc! The light in the room is glaring, and the whole building seems a perfect fire trap. However, if it holds up and if we have no fires, we shall probably be very comfortable this winter and shall enjoy our extra elbow room. We do not anticipate the coming summer from our experience here this summer. The first week of our moving it was 102 in the shade! We also miss our close proximity to the main Library; we are now about twelve minutes walk from it but we hope that some of you may have the time and inclination to come and see us. Two visitors who did come to us this summer were Dr. Filippo Silvestri, Professor of zoology, R. Istituto superiore agrario, Naples, Italy, and Dr. L. LaFace Antinoro from Rome, who had been studying medical entomology at Johns Hopkins on a scholarship from the Rockefeller Foundation. They were delighted to find Miss Carabelli here able to talk Italian with them.

The Bureau Library this summer sent to the bindery, through the Bureau, nearly 200 volumes of experiment station publications on entomology. Most of these volumes have now returned, and our station material is much more convenient to use and in much better physical condition than ever before.

Index 4 to the Literature of American Entomology is now going through the press and packages of proof are coming to the library daily for correction. It is hoped that the Index will be out in December in time for the Christmas trade.

As you may have read in the papers and in the Official Record, the Department recently purchased for \$50,000, the Barnes collection of Lepidoptera. The insect part of this collection will be housed in the U. S. National Museum and the fine collection of books accompanying it we understand will become a part of the library of the Department of Agriculture.

Bureau of Public Roads.

The 6th meeting of the Permanent International Association of Road Congresses in Washington during the past week was a notable event in the history of the Bureau of Public Roads. Mr. Thomas H. MacDonald, chief of the Bureau, was secretary-general of the American Organizing Committee who had charge of the arrangements for the conference. For two years the Bureau has help in its plans and preliminary work.

More than sixty countries were represented at the Congress, and four official languages were spoken, English, French, German and Spanish. That everyone might understand all of the speeches, interpreters translated them as they were made, one into each language, each interpreter speaking quietly into a microphone attached to ear phones. A person, sitting, say in the French section, by listening through these ear phones when addresses were being made in other languages, would hear only the French translation.

Two main questions were discussed by the delegates simultaneously in section meetings - one question dealt with highway construction and maintenance - the other with traffic and administration.

The conclusions arrived at in the section meetings were published each day in the four languages in a daily bulletin prepared by the Bureau and distributed to the delegates the following morning. The bulletins also contained speeches delivered, important announcements of meetings, excursions and social events in the four languages and a list of all delegates attending the Congress.

Every employee of the Bureau was given a ticket of admission to the opening session in Constitution Hall. During the week employees gave unsparingly of their time and energy in attending meetings, or in helping with the work of running the conference. Engineers, especially if they spoke a foreign language, were assigned as guides on the trip to Mt. Vernon which included an inspection of the new Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway, and on the visit to the Arlington experimental farm to view the Bureau's exhibits. Many of their wives entertained the ladies from foreign countries who were attending the conference. Girls employed in the Bureau were selected to report at the various hotels and formed the connecting links between the foreign ladies and the Washington ladies who were looking after their entertainment. Miss Evans reported at the Willard. She had in charge some twenty-six ladies and two gentlemen. The latter were unable to attend the meetings because of illness and were included in the drives and parties for the ladies.

This week the male official delegates are guests of the Highway Education Board on three separate tours of road inspection. They are travelling by bus and railroad and will meet in Detroit about October 25 where they will be entertained by the representatives of the automotive industries and shown through some of the automobile plants.

One tour goes up into New England, another goes as far south as Tampa, Florida, and the third as far west as Minnesota and Missouri.

Delegates who are not touring the country are visiting the Bureau and its library. Names that have been familiar in print are coming to mean actual personalities. As a preliminary preparation for the conference, a list of all foreign magazines received in the library, and a list of all foreign books on file were made by Miss Wilson.

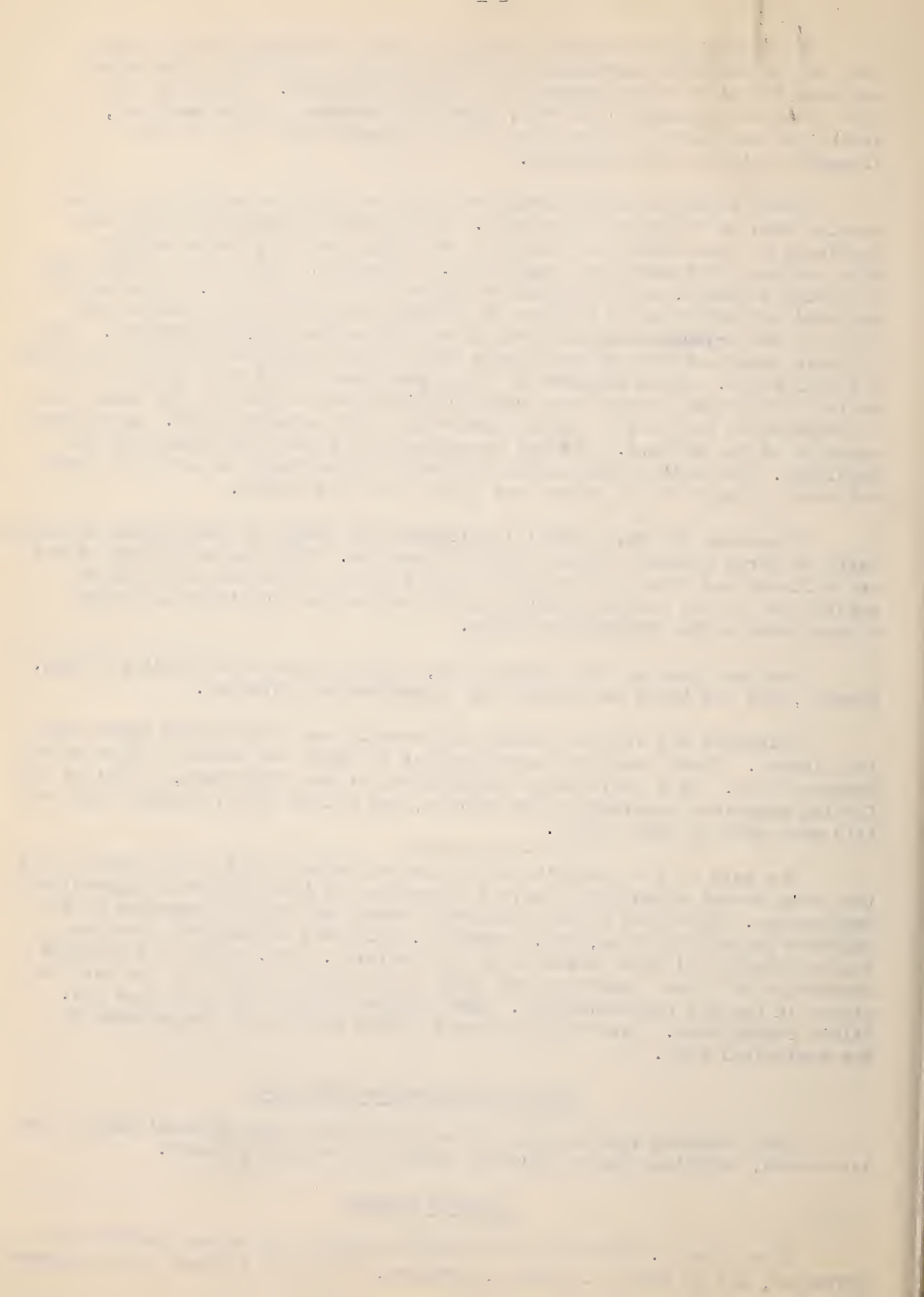
The work of the Bureau's library has expanded to the point where it has long been deemed expedient to have a librarian for the Division of Agricultural Engineering. When that division recently moved into its new quarters in the Southern Railway Building, Mrs. Dorothy J. Wilks was transferred from the Bureau Library and made librarian of the Division. Mrs. Wilks is thoroughly conversant with the literature and needs of the Division and she has our best wishes in her new responsibility. Miss Mildred Wilson will take over Mrs. Wilk's former work. Miss Viola Leiber has been temporarily transferred to the periodical work.

Office of Experiment Stations

Miss Feldkamp read a paper before the Agricultural Editors' Association last month, entitled "How a librarian looks at our publications".

Weather Bureau

Miss Alice J. Whitcomb of the Weather Bureau Library was married in September, and is now Mrs. Alice W. Robinson. She will continue in her present position as senior library assistant.



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The Department Library has obtained two new assistants during the past month - Miss Edna C. Swenson and Mrs. Hazel B. Mercier. Miss Swenson is serving as Miss Upton's assistant at the Loan Desk. She is a graduate of Northland College, Ashland, Wisconsin, and for three years was a student assistant in the college library. Mrs. Mercier is assisting in the secretarial work of the library, working with the foreign mailing lists, and translating letters.

Bibliographical Contributions No. 21 of the Library was issued this month. It is "List of publications on apiculture contained in the U. S. Department of Agriculture and in part those contained in the Library of Congress. Compiled by Vajen E. Hitz and Ina E. Hawes." Mr. Hambleton, head of the Bee Culture Laboratory, Bureau of Entomology, at whose request the list was compiled, says that it is exciting a good deal of interest and he is questioning whether he will need to have more copies run off. The last number (Nov. 1930) of "Gleanings in Bee Culture" contains an articles describing the Bee Culture Laboratory which devotes a paragraph to the bee library and is illustrated by pictures of the library.

A temporary exchange of assistants has been arranged between the main Library and the Bureau of Public Roads library, by which Miss Knoop will go for a time to Roads and Miss Mildred Wilson will come to the main Library. This is especially for the purpose of giving Miss Wilson some experience in cataloguing.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library

There have been several changes in the staff of the B. A. E. Library. Mrs. Hazel Workman has been appointed to fill Mr. Hardin's place at the Loan Desk. Lloyd Keller has been promoted to a clerical position and Lewis Morse appointed to perform his duties as messenger. Miss Benton returned to the Bureau on November 1st to assist Miss Day in library research work with cotton.

Dr. M. Y. Kubanin, Director of the Scientific Department, People's Commissariat of Agriculture, Moscow, U.S.S.R., is working in the library at the present time.

The index to Agricultural Economics Literature, v. 3, 1929, has been published.

Office of Experiment Stations Library

The combined index to Experiment Station Record, volumes 41-50, is now in press. It is not, however, expected to be ready for distribution for a month or more.

The classified list of station projects, 1930, will be published as Miscellaneous Publication 89. The proof has been read and it is expected to be out shortly.

An addition to the new equipment of the library is a table on castors which has been placed in the stacks and has elicited much favorable comment. It is $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. high and can be conveniently used while standing, to place books on or to write on. It can easily be moved about. Many workers have remarked on its usefulness.

(Read by Mrs. E. J. Webb)

The main Library has received an announcement that the University of Chicago will offer three fellowships of \$1500 each for the academic year 1931-32 in its Graduate Library School. The notice will be placed upon our display case so that any one who is interested may see it.

Mr. Jerome F. Cobbe, who for some time was an assistant in the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils Library, has been appointed to a position in the Main Library.

The Main Library has had an unusual number of Russian visitors within the last month. There have been at least four working there for considerable periods of time.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library

A lack of news does not indicate a slackening of activities, for the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library has been having busy days preparing for the convening of Congress which means the reading of Congressional record, the cataloging of hearings and many rush requests. Also the closing of a calendar year brings a check up of periodical files, etc.

During this period also many members of the staff have a few hours and days of precious annual leave which have to be taken. At this time Miss Harrison is spending her annual vacation at her home in Huntsville, Alabama.

Mrs. Levine of Timiriaseff Academy of Agriculture at Moscow, Russia, is using the material in the library in her study of large scale farming.

Bureau of Public Roads Library

The opening of Congress this year brings something more than the usual quota of bills affecting the Bureau. Road building is one phase of emergency construction recommended as a remedy in the present unemployment situation. Fifteen bills have been introduced involving this question. These bills provide for amounts up to \$500,000,000 a year for two years for this purpose. The Wood bill has passed both Houses of Congress. It makes supplemental appropriations of \$80,000,000 for roads on the Federal Aid Highway System; \$3,000,000 for National forests which include roads, trails, bridges, fire lanes, etc.; \$1,500,000 for roads and trails in the National Park Service; and a Senate amendment provides \$5,000,000 for roads through Public Land States and Federal Reservations. This money had previously been authorized to be available over a period of years. The bill would make it available at once. Its passage would greatly increase the work of the Bureau during the coming year.

And speaking of unemployment, the afternoon before Thanksgiving, when most of the government offices were closed, the entire library staff was engaged in work on a rush request from Colonel Wood's Committee on Unemployment.

The library had an outside visitor recently who wanted anecdotes for a speech he was about to make. He ventured the opinion that if the library would make a practice of collecting anecdotes for this purpose it would prove one of its most popular features.

The Highway Research Board is holding its annual meeting in Washington this week. This has brought a number of out of town visitors to the Library, particularly men formerly connected with the Bureau.

The District Library Association is holding a Tea for the new librarians of the City this afternoon at the Club House of the American Association of University Women. Miss Barnett will go from this meeting to preside at the tea table. As Chairman of the Program Committee, Miss Evans hopes the members of this meeting will find it possible to join her at the tea party.

